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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reader's Service to the China Mail)

FRENCH TRADE.

BIG ECONOMIC REVIVAL PREDICTED.

PARIS, December 12.

A Havas message states that in a recent article in the *Revue Economique Internationale*, the former Finance Minister, M. Klotz, gives substantial reasons for expecting in the near future an economic revival of great magnitude. M. Klotz points out that as a direct consequence of Alsace Lorraine's return to her, France will soon occupy second place amongst the iron and steel producing countries immediately after the United States and far ahead of other European countries. For the same reason the capacity of the French textile industry will be increased 40 per cent. France is now nearly self-supporting regarding chemicals, notably fertilizers. Moreover, the delay imparted for computing the exact figure of the German indemnity expires in May next, and by that time France will own a regular mortgage greatly exceeding her external debt, which besides is to decrease automatically with every advance of French exchange consequent upon the development of French export trade.

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Bookings	\$ 3,495.50
Sale of Programmes	411.70
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EXPENDITURE.	
Theatre Charges	10.94 % \$427.50
Costumes and Scenery	22.64 % 884.35
Printing and Advertising	20.28 % 792.35
Wages and Sundries	4.03 % 157.66
Balance to Famine Fund	42.11 % 1,645.34
	\$ 3,907.20 \$ 3,907.20

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GEORGE S. ARCHBUTT. December 9, 1920.
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Hongkong, December 15, 1920.

HONGKONG HOTEL.

NEW ROOF GARDEN

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BALL ROOM AND OUTDOOR ENTERTAINMENTS.

Plans have been completed by the Hongkong Hotel for the construction on its roof of a terrace garden, ball room, and other improvements on an elaborate scale. When completed the hotel will be provided with as fine facilities of their kind for entertainment as may be found anywhere in the East.

The entire roof on the Queen's Road side of the building, containing a floor space of about 10,000 square feet, will be given over to the new improvements. In the centre will be the ball room, with a dance floor of 3,500 square feet, enclosed chiefly in glass and steam-heated for winter use. Along the side of it, on the Queen's Road edge of the roof, will be a strip of garden space. At each end of the ball room, will be a large outdoor garden, with space enough for a stage and provision for other entertainment.

It is the intention of the Hotel management to operate a thoroughly up-to-date cafe chantant in the ball room. The floor space will be given up to small tables and dancing, and entertainment will be provided by professional players and motion pictures of a high order. For this purpose a stage and screen will be installed at one end of the ball room.

Plans are under consideration by which the hotel will share in a circuit of vaudeville performers to be operated in the Far East which in part, at least, will draw upon the Orpheum Vaudeville Circuit, one of the best-known of its kind in America. In all probability this will include also the chief hotels in Japan, Shanghai, and Manila. In addition entertainers will be obtained from other sources. Interspersed with the vaudeville acts, or in place of them when for any reason they fail to arrive, the best obtainable motion pictures will be presented.

The scheme for the alteration of the hotel and the improvement of the roof have already been sanctioned by the Government, and it remains only to have the plans approved in detail. It is expected that work will start early next year, and the management of the Hotel is confident that the new roof garden will be opened about the middle of next summer.

The improvements are to be carried out on a large scale. For one thing, the new ball room will rest on special steel supports from the ground to the roof. A special entrance vestibule will be provided on Pedder Street. For this purpose one of the shops on that side of the hotel will have to be removed. Automobiles will pass in this vestibule to a covered parking space within, connected with the garage area.

From the entrance vestibule two new lifts will carry guests to the roof. A third lift, for service purposes, will be installed at the farther end of the roof garden. These, with the three lifts already in operation, will provide six lifts serving the roof. On the Pedder street end of the roof garden there will be a reception room and ladies' dressing rooms. At the other end will be gentlemen's dressing rooms, smoking rooms, and card rooms.

The arrangement of the garden, ball room, and lifts will be such that it will be possible for private organizations to engage the roof for large balls, with lifts reserved for their exclusive use.

Special attention is being given to the decorative effect of the roof garden as a whole and especially the ball room, which promises to be a charmingly artistic hall. Mr. Cornet of Messrs. Palmer and Turner is in charge of the work, and the whole is under the capable supervision of Mr. J. H. Taggart, the manager of the Hongkong Hotel.

A further announcement that will be welcome information to the Colony is that the Hongkong Hotel intends also to improve the facilities of transportation to Repulse Bay. It has already prepared for the development of the Repulse Bay Hotel on a large scale, by providing an extension which gives a dancing area of 6,000 square feet, perhaps the largest in the East, and erecting a new garage with a floor space of 16,000 square feet.

It can be announced that as soon as the new road over the hills is constructed—work on which has already begun—if it intends to approach the Government with a proposition to establish a cheap motor bus service between the city and Repulse Bay. This will put both the hotel and the Repulse Bay bathing beach within easy access of the residents on this side of the island and Kowloon.

The present distance to the hotel at Repulse Bay is about 12 miles; the new road will cut it to 6 miles. It is the plan of the Hongkong Hotel to establish a line of motor buses, each equipped with twenty seats and with slides that may be opened or closed to suit the weather, to run on a schedule of ten-minute intervals, or less, during the busy portion of the day and night, and at suitable intervals the rest of the day. In connection with this service the Hotel may erect also a large garage near the Sikh Temple in Happy Valley, where the new road will start across the island. This, in addition to the garages already at Repulse Bay and the Hongkong Hotel, will make three depots for cars for the motor bus line, and ensure prompt and efficient service.

When completed and in full operation, as no doubt it will be long before this time next year, the whole scheme of improvement of the Hongkong Hotel and Repulse Bay will give Hongkong Hotel attractions unsurpassed anywhere in this quarter of the globe.

THE DOLLAR.

To-day's closing rate 3 11 16

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS

(Reader's Service to the China Mail)

AFGHAN TREATY.

DEHRADUN, December 13th. An official British Mission is proceeding to Kabul to conclude peace with Afghanistan. The announcement is welcomed generally in India, and the opinion is held that it will quieten Frontier unrest.

JOURNALISTS' HOLIDAY.

LONDON, December 13th. No newspapers whatsoever will be published in England on December 25th, 26th, and 27th.

TURKISH RAID.

PARIS, December 13th. Unofficial reports state that an encounter took place between the French and the Turkish forces near the town of Latakia, in which Turkish raiders captured prisoners and material.

NO AUSTRIANS FOR DUTCH INDIES.

THE HAGUE, December 13th. The Dutch Government has offered to engage 2,000 Austrian State officials for service in the Dutch Indies is officially denied. It is stated that out of a very considerable number of technical and scientific specialists from abroad, who applied for the Dutch Indian Service, 336 have already been engaged, or will shortly be engaged, including all the physicians required and a great number of the engineers required.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

LONDON, December 13th. The Times Geneva correspondent says that the Assembly of the League of Nations lengthily discussed the report on the election of four non-permanent members of the Council as provided in Article IV of the Covenant. This is a burning question owing to the anxiety to China to be given a chance of election. The Assembly finally passed, by 27 votes to 4, the recommendation of Mr. Halloran, which was supported by Dr. Wellington Koo, in favour of the election of three of these members from among the members of the League in Europe, and two from among the members on the American continent, and one from among the members of the League in Asia and the remaining parts of the world.

GERMAN CABLES DISPUTE.

WASHINGTON, December 13th. The differences regarding the distribution of the German cables were settled at a plenary session of the International Communications Conference. The negotiations will continue on the basis of an agreement which has not been disclosed.

INDIAN OPIUM FOR HONGKONG.

DEHRADUN, December 13th. At the request of the Hongkong Government, the Indian Government has agreed to renew the agreement for the direct supply of opium at a fixed price for 5 years, beginning from 1921.

CHINESE STUDENTS IN UNITED KINGDOM.

LONDON, December 13th. The China Association of London, in a memorandum dealing with the education of Chinese students in Great Britain, suggests following the example of the United States. Great Britain, it says, should divert £100,000 yearly from the Boxer Indemnity to the maintenance of such students. The memorandum emphasizes the resultant advantages to British trade.

INVASION OF TIBET.

LONDON, December 13th. A Bombay telegram states that Tibetan traders arriving at Kalimpong report that 5,000 Chinese troops are massing on the borders of Tibet. The authorities at Lhasa are taking precautionary measures. It is also reported that parties of Turks have appeared on the northern borders of Tibet to enlist the sympathy of the Mongolians.

KING OF DENMARK.

LONDON, December 13th. Their Majesties the King and Queen of Denmark have arrived in Rome. Their Majesties were received by their Majesties the King and Queen of Italy, the senators and deputies, and the Mayor of the Municipality of Rome, and reviewed troops. They received an ovation.

In the Supreme Court this morning, before the Acting Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Gompertz, Mr. Charles Bernard Brown was appointed liquidator for the Chop Sing Kee, on the application of the Official Receiver, Mr. Melbourne. Mr. Brown had been unanimously elected liquidator at a meeting of the creditors.

According to the New Republic Press, the Island of Hainan will probably be organized as a special administrative area and that one Mr. Ma Yuk Hong, a close follower of General Chen Chiungming, may be appointed civil administrator of the island. It is the intention of the Civil Government to pay particular attention to the industrial and agricultural developments of the island, according to this journal.

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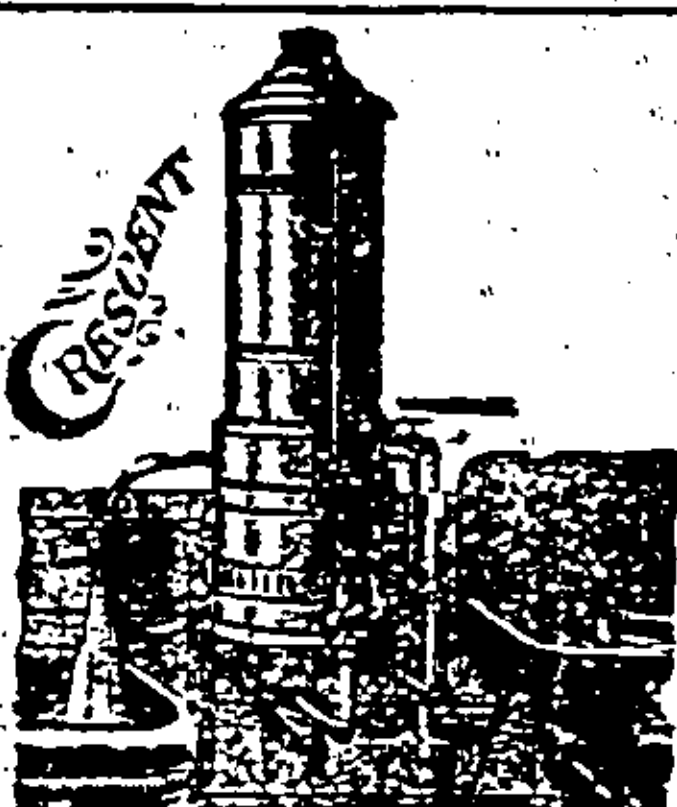
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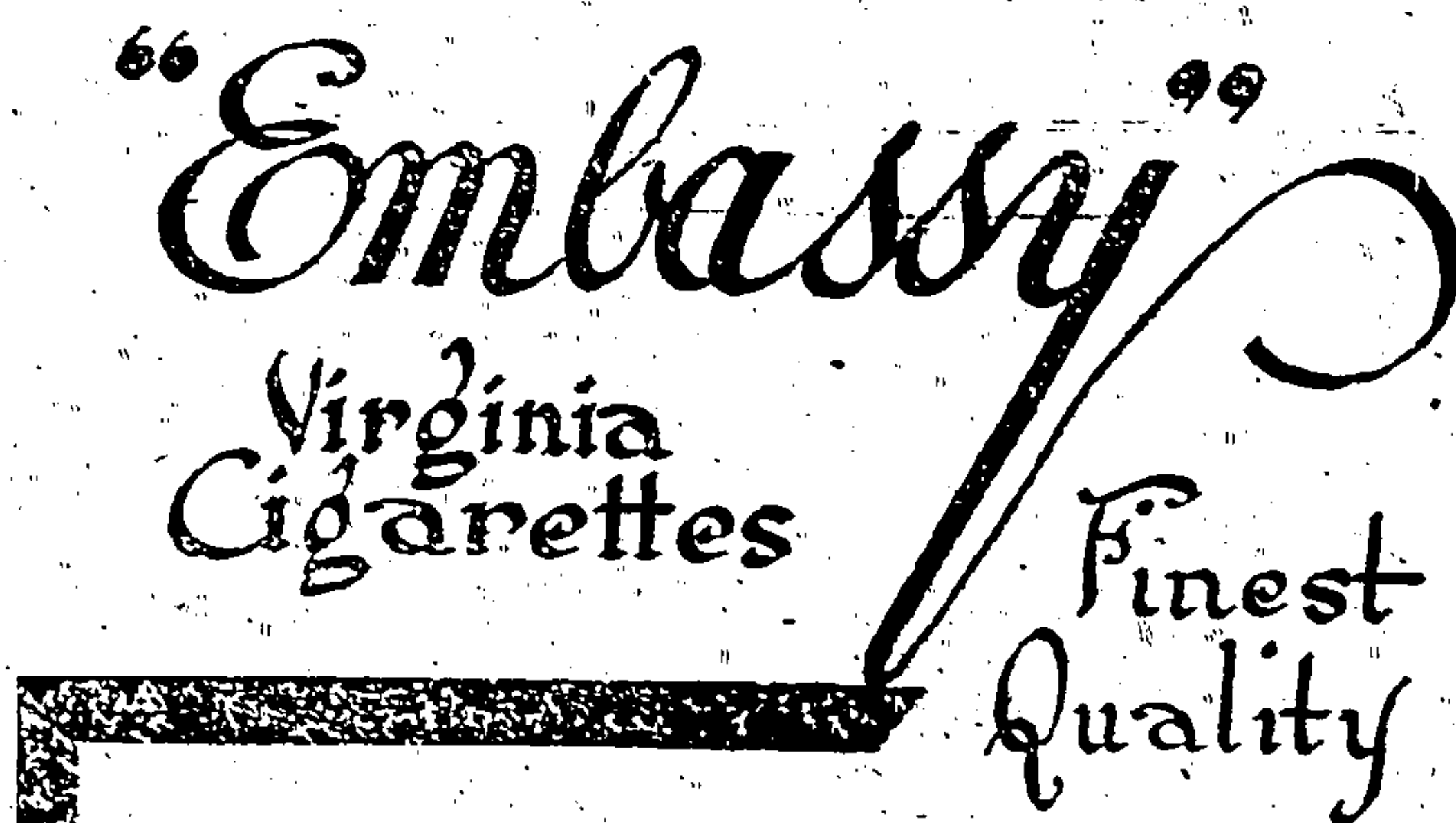
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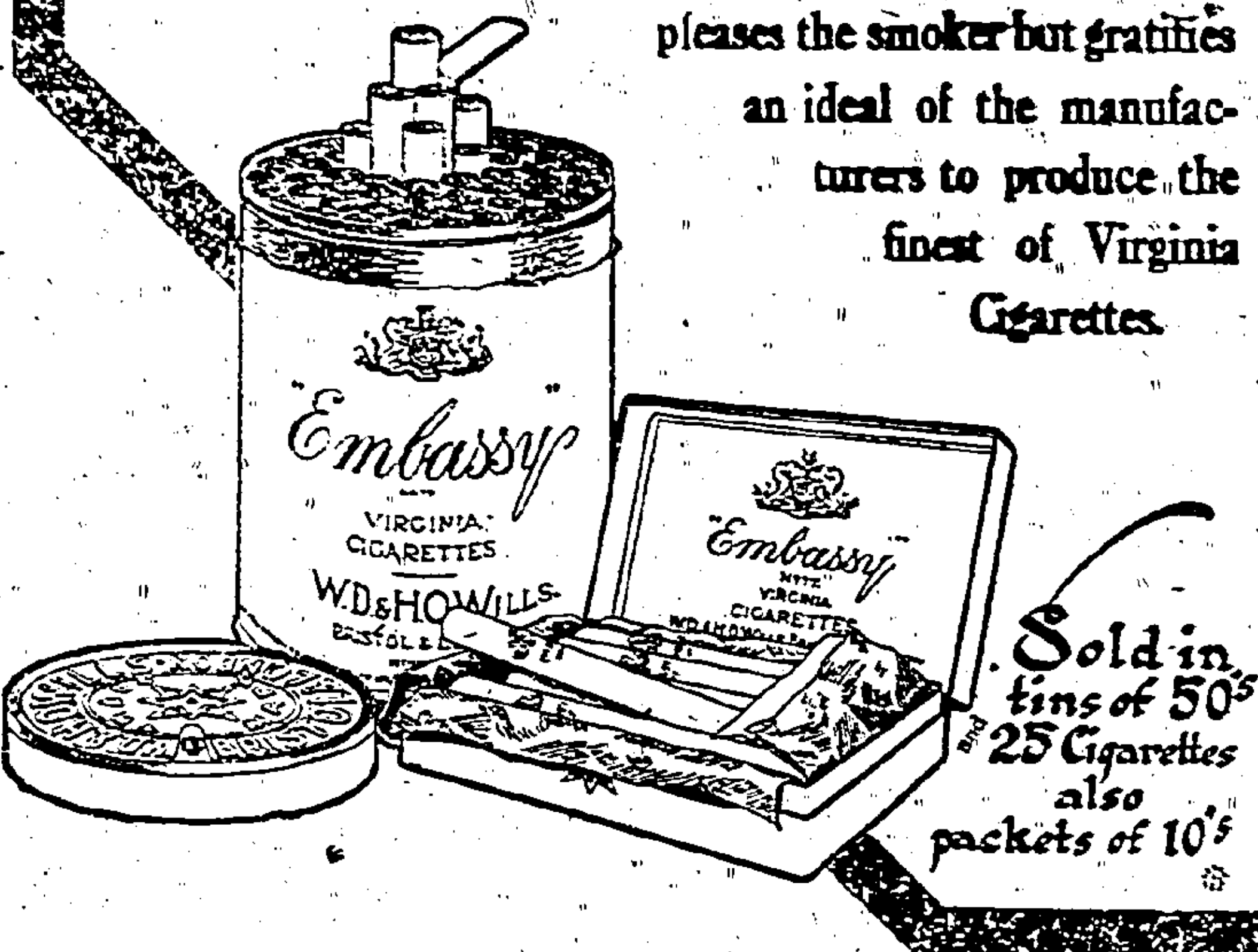
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be unified into "one community of
knowledge and will?"

These are the questions I asked
myself as I finished reading the
closing sections of "The Outline of
History," that spacious literary enter-
prise just completed by Mr. H. G.
Wells.

On the cover of the last part I
coloured map of the eastern hemi-
sphere, labelled "The United States
of the World" and it set me wonder-
ing.

I picked up the little organ of the
Palestine Zionists, and found therein
an account of some sort of an attack
by "many hundred Bedouins" on a
railway train south of Damascus.
They pillaged the train, and murdered
various people in cold blood.

"One must imagine," wrote a sur-
vivor, "men with shaved heads, and
hair hanging down at the sides of
their gaunt faces, and wild staring
eyes, and perhaps a blood stain on a
half-naked body." He described
how he sought refuge in the station
buildings, how the door was smashed
by rifle butts, and how "a savage of
the Hauran, his face covered with
filth and blood, and in his eyes the
lust to continue the awful work,"
rushed in, "with others hot on his
heels."

Even now I do not quite know
what it was all about, yet this thing
happened only the other day, and
such things are happening daily in
many lands. But hearken! "And
this world state," says the smooth
prophetic voice of Mr. Wells, "will be
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and quality beyond all present ex-
perience."

Again I wonder.
Mr. Wells has written book of
brilliant and fascinating generalisa-
tions about history. He takes us for
a delightful aeroplane flight across
the centuries, but when he leaves the
past and speculates about the future
he lapses into an anti-climax. His
"Outline" closes with a series of
vague speculations of the kind with
which he has already made us
familiar. Though we can respect
and admire their sanguine spirit, for
my part I find them unconvincing.

PREVALENT BELIEF.
Mr. Wells shares the prevalent be-
lief that the hearts and minds of
men have undergone a profound and
fundamental change during the last
six years. I do not. I am unable to

conceive that human nature, which
has been shaped and fashioned
through 50,000 years, can be trans-
formed overnight. It is this factor
which upsets Mr. Wells' conception,
not of a League of Nations of which
he despairs, "nor even a mere league
of peoples, but of a world league of
men."

In the view of Mr. Wells, "brother-
hood through sorrow, sorrow for
common sufferings and for irrepara-
ble mutual injuries, is spreading and
increasing throughout the world."
The dominating fact is a new sanity.
Has he found it so in Russia whence
he is just returning?

There are four great flaws in the
Dream State of Mr. Wells, which
render impossible any General Federa-
tion of Mankind within a period as
far as the human imagination can
carry us.

The first is that he utterly fails to
take into account the teeming millions
of Asia, or the immense masses of
blacks, in the tropical and sub-tropi-
cal regions of Africa. The second is
that he glosses over or ignores the
acute economic factors which may
still overturn our present civilisation
if they are not solved.

The third is that the products of
the world are insufficient to supply
the needs of the peoples of the world,
and that this condition is certain to
continue for a very long period. The
fourth is the conflict of religious
beliefs, which is an insurmountable
bar to unity.

Can there be unity between Congo
pigmies and Esquimaux and Afghan
Islamites? Or can treaties com-
pose the mutual hatreds of the Balkan
peoples, whose territories are a boiling
pot of racial antipathies?

Mr. Wells talks of "some equalisa-
tion of labour conditions," and of a
"minimum standard of life through-
out the world." If that day dawns,
we shall see an equalisation down-
wards. The yellow races can always
underlie the white races, and will
not be deterred from doing so by
any "impulse to universal service."

Mr. Wells has boxed the prophet's
compass. Once he foresaw mankind
shut up in roofed cities with high
walls, but now he summons us all to
a restless, nomadic life. Not so many
years ago he declared that "those
swarms of black, and brown, and
dirty-white, and yellow people,
would 'have to go,' that 'it is their
portion to die out, and disappear.'"
Now he beckons them to enter a
universal brotherhood. This is the
philosopher turned teetotum.

His great panacea is education,
and he foresees the day when 10 per
cent of the adult population will be
schoolmasters. Machinery will do
our work, and we shall all spend our
time looking at dials through an
oil-immersion lens, which is what Mr.
Wells really means when he pictures
a heaven upon earth.

MISGUIDED SYSTEM OF EDUCATION.
I believe, on the contrary, that we
shall see a tremendous revolt against
the present system of literary educa-

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case is a remarkable one.

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learned that an ex-naval Lieutenant,
named Von Bercken, was engaged in
suspicious transactions with foreign-
ers. He was shadowed, and it was
found that he had a number of con-
federates, the objects of the gang
being to sell German submarine
secrets to foreign Powers.

Somewhat or other, Von Bercken
and his comrades had become pos-
sessed of numerous secret documents
regarding U-boats and U-boat war-
fare, and it was these they were
negotiating to dispose of at a high
figure. Spanish and Japanese agents,
it is alleged, had been in touch with
them.—George Renwick in the Daily
Chronicle.

tion, which is as misguided as the
old Chinese practice of elevating
mechanical literary attainments into
a fetish.

Just as I do not believe in a world
swarming with schoolmasters, so I do
not believe in Mr. Wells' "common
world religion," which "will not be
Christianity nor Islam nor Buddhism
nor any such specialised form of
religion, but religion itself, pure
and undefiled." Depend upon it
that such a religion would be no re-
ligion at all. The masses of man-
kind will continue to demand and
to seek inspiration from the visible
flame upon the altar.

No; we must seek the lesson to be
drawn from this remarkable work in
the story Mr. Wells unfolds, and not
in his prophetic close. That lesson is
that, for very many ages, humanity
has been composed of a cluster of
nationalities, for ever flowering, for
ever dying, for ever being reborn.
The nations will not merge, and for
ages to come there can be no escape
from what Flinders Petrie calls "the
catastrophe, the decay and the ex-
tinction, which are the necessary fate
of higher organisms of society."

Instead of dreaming of impossible
ideals, we should take the League of
Nations as we find it, and seek to
make it a real and living thing.

I hold that, small and limited
though it may seem to-day, it con-
tains the germ of a truer and more
practical solution than the nebulous
imaginings of Mr. Wells. It pre-
supposes the continued existence of
nationalities, and seeks, however
imperfectly, to link them up—the
most civilised States first—for the
common good.

In that direction, if we but seize
the opportunity, should lie "the next
stage of history."

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Hongkong, December 9, 1930.

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1930-1931.

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J. H. TAGGART,
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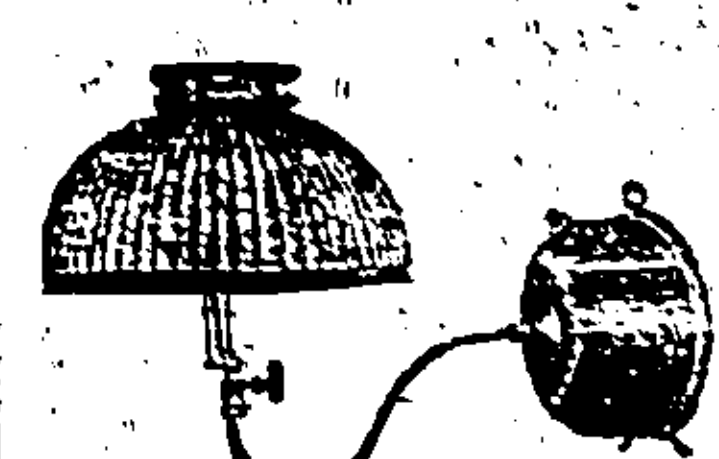
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the brave days of old. It is said to
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there! Charles II. lived in it in his
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HAVE A LUMP OF SUGAR.

Prohibition, where is thy sting; where Dryness thy victory? The analytical chemist comes with his figures for those who can no longer secure the needful for exultation. In America, we read, Prohibition has caused an enormously increased consumption of sugar. The hospitable fellow insists that you must have "just one more" icecream; and the man who would have been a boozier has a debauch on candy. The United States already consumes about 350,000 tons of sugar in confectionery, and 136,000 tons in what they call "soft drinks." According to the analytical chemist, the physiological effects are not so very different. It is true that the man who has consumed eight icecreams does not stagger home to beat his wife, nor does the man who has got full of candy sing and dance in the public street, challenging the whole police force. But from their absorption of sugar they do acquire pep. Alcohol is very quickly taken up and diffused through the system, where its rapid oxidation produces a quick return of energy. On the other hand, they say, the consumption of about 700 British thermal units. Sugar is also quickly assimilated, after its preliminary action by the digestive agents, and its "kick" makes its appearance in half an hour. In two hours it is absorbed. With regard to those long British thermal units, an ounce of sugar is credited with producing 134, which compares unfavourably with the 700 in an ounce of alcohol. A pound of

sugar (theoretically) gives rise in fermentation to about decimal 42 of a pound of alcohol, so that the dynamic energy developed in the oxidation of this alcohol will be only 0.8 per cent. of that given out by the direct combustion of the sugar in the body, without the intermediate conversion into alcohol. In short, sugar is the nearest substitute for booze, and the club man who can lower about three pounds of it after dinner should theoretically go to bed as happy as he does now on a quart of fire water. Thus a little chemistry can correct the worst aspects of the most deplorable political. John Bull will now have to abandon his jeers at the Frenchman's *entree sucrée*. He may come to that yet.

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My wife said "That'll do,"
But I said no
Keep on Flo

The country needs more soldiers. The sentiment of the last line is taken seriously in France, where compulsory motherhood has actually been proposed. The proposers consider that just as military service is obligatory for men, maternal service as a duty to the State should be obligatory for women.

The men must serve three years. They do not think that long enough for mothers, and suggest that women be inscribed on the roll of motherhood from eighteen to forty years. The suggestion is said to be looked on favourably by the

Statesmen can be the most foolish of men. This is merely the old tribal instinct of self preservation, out of date now. The world is already sufficiently populated. We want to raise the quality rather than the quantity. This Moloch of the State is a horrid idol worship that must and will be thwarted. After all, these foolish Statesmen are reckoning without the women, who will have something to say about it. The big war has taught them a lesson, shown them a glaring truth. Why should they waste twenty years in rearing a son only to see him smothered out in some foolish dynastic or financial war?

KOWLOON.

In years to come Kowloon should be the business centre and Victoria a residential suburb. The wharfage space on the mainland is greater. The Kailan Coal Mines purchase on Monday of over 300,000 square feet at Laichikok for \$51,415 calls attention to the way Kowloon is growing. The coal company will presumably stack large stocks of coal there, and have a deep water wharf, which will add greatly to the shipping facilities of Hongkong. Near by the Standard Oil Company is reclaiming for a large extension of their depot. Not far away a woolfarn smelting works is starting, and all round the Kowloon coast, from Cheung-shawan right round to Kowloon Bay to the eastward, reclamation and development may be observed. The future of the peninsula is big with wonderful possibilities, whereas our island seems to have reached the limit of growth. When the Government is reduced to the necessity of reorganizing a popular bathing beach used by many thousands of people to oblige one firm with wharfage, it is evident that we are at about the end of our tether.

ART EXHIBITION.**MANY GOOD PICTURES.****LADY STUBBS PRESENTS PRIZES.**

The annual exhibition of the Hongkong Art Club, which opened yesterday, continued to-day and a large attendance testified to the popularity of the entertainment. It was admitted by all that the work displayed was of a higher standard than in previous exhibitions, and that the display on the whole was exceptionally creditable for such a small community as the Colony. Naturally, some of the pictures are of doubtful merit, judged by the strict standards of Art; but on the other hand there are many—plentiful majority—that can stand severe inspection.

Attention has been centered chiefly on the Oils, Water Colours, and Portraits, as being perhaps the more important classifications. It should not be overlooked, however, that there are included under the Black and White, and Decorative Sections several pieces of superior merit. As a matter of fact, it is not going too far to say that from the standpoint of skill and workmanship, certain small exhibits contained in these sections probably surpass anything in the exhibition. Such work as Mrs. G. N. Humphreys has displayed in "Moths" (No. 10), "The Dryad" (No. 9), "Bacchante" (No. 13), and "Jade" (No. 14) in the Black and White Section, and Mrs. Britton has done in an "Illuminated Title Page" (No. 102) and "Illuminated Pages" (No. 103) is of professional, not amateur, standards, and for that reason these specimens are lifted far above the prevailing level of the exhibition.

In general the exhibition has been worthy of the full patronage and encouragement of the public, and it is to be hoped that interest in the work of the Club will continue to grow. Judged by the commendable display of pictures at this showing, Hongkong will be able to look forward with pleasant anticipation to next year's exhibition.

At 5.30 yesterday afternoon, at the conclusion of the day's exhibition, Lady Stubbs presented the prizes to the winners, in the presence of a large company of visitors. With the exception of the Oils, the awards in which were not made until late in the afternoon, the selections were announced in yesterday's edition of the China Mail. The awards in Oils were as follows: "Hyemathian Snowfield" (No. 74) a landscape, Mr. C. W. M. Bion. Highly commended: "Rain, Wind and Sea" (No. 25) a seascape, Lieut. Col. W. Loring; "Junks at Night" (No. 80), Mrs. McPherson.

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SPECIAL CABLE.**STRAITS INCOME TAX.****SINGAPORE MUTINY.**

PUBLICATION OF REPORT SUGGESTED.

[China Mail Special.]

SINGAPORE, Dec. 14.

The Straits Government has introduced the Income Tax Bill for the ensuing year on the same lines as the present one. It is suggested that the Government should publish the report of the commission of inquiry into the Singapore mutiny in 1915.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A clean bill of health was returned for the Colony yesterday.

There will be a tea dance at the Helena May Institute at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 21 for members and their male friends.

The Committee of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce is entertaining the Hon. Mr. N. J. Stabb, O.B.E., to dinner at the Hongkong Club on December 21.

The French cruiser "Desaix" and "Altair" arrived in harbour this morning and fired the customary salute in honour of the Admiral. The "Desaix" has paid previous visits to Hongkong.

The Harbour Master of Canton telegraphed yesterday to the Harbour Master of Hongkong: "Steamer around fairway Taimet Beacon. Vessels should navigate same with extreme caution."

A Chinese woman was yesterday removed to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from injuries caused through a fall while attempting to alight from a moving tram car in Des Vaux Road Central. She was picked up unconscious but is now recovering.

The Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, C.B.E., and the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, O.B.E., are to be entertained to dinner at the Kam Ling Hotel on Tuesday, December 28 by certain members of the Chinese community on the occasion of their departure on leave of absence. H.E. the Governor will attend the gathering.

The Public Works Department has sold to the Kailan Mining Administration for \$51,415 (10 cents a square foot) a section of the marine frontage at Laichikok, on which wharves will be constructed. There were no other bidders for the lot, which was knocked down at the upset price. An island lot in Kowloon was sold to Mr. B. C. Wong for \$5,770, being one dollar and two cents per square foot.

Two Chinese were this morning charged before Magistrate Orme, at the instance of Inspector Willis, of No. 7 Police Station, with house-breaking at No. 7, Sin Wah Terrace and the theft of a quantity of jewelry valued at \$17. The defendants denied the charge. Mr. D. H. Blake, who appeared for the defence, asked for a remand in order to receive instructions, and the Magistrate remanded the case until Friday week. Bail was fixed in the sum of \$50 each.

In connection with the seizure of 845 tals of prepared non-Government opium, and 420 tals of raw opium, by Revenue Officer Ward on board the s.s. "Borneo" on her arrival from Amsterdam on Monday, the two Chinese who were yesterday remanded by Magistrate Orme on a charge of possession of the drug, were again in Court this morning. Mr. A. E. Hall told the Magistrate that he appeared to defend the first accused and he understood that Mr. Leo, d'Almada had been retained by the other man. As they had only that morning been retained in the case, said Counsel, they had not had time to receive instructions. Therefore they would like a further remand. The Magistrate adjourned the hearing of the case until Saturday morning.

"Diastol of the Westminster Gazette" says: The announcement that an expedition of American men of science is about to leave for Central Asia, in the hope of finding in that comparatively unknown region the "missing link," suggests that the "pithicanthropus erectus" which Dr. Dubois discovered in Java some years ago has been discredited by the American experts. I am not surprised, for all that Dr. Dubois could unearth of his alleged link between man and monkeys was a portion of the skull, two teeth, and a small leg-bone. But it was sufficient for Professor Haeckel, who, in his "Riddle of the Universe," wrote enthusiastically about the Javan find, which he referred to as "in truth the long-sought missing link." I shall await with interest the result of the spadework to be carried out in Central Asia by the Americans, who are the latest to make a systematic search for fossilized remains of the "missing link."

TOYLAND.**WHITEAWAY'S XMAS BAZAAR.**

To-day Messrs Whiteaway Laidlaw and Co. are calling the attention of the public to their Christmas Bazaar. Although in previous years the management has spent considerable effort on this seasonal feature, it has never attempted anything on the present scale or carried it out more successfully. The new floor has been used to house the toy bazaar. It has everything to commend it. There is ample space, excellent lighting and adequate ventilation. The toys have been effectively arranged on temporary stands built around the pillars. On them are all kinds of articles, mechanical and otherwise, to delight the hearts of the young, to make those of more mature years wish they were young, and in wishing possibly feel so. Here can be seen a large family of dolls—beautiful creatures with delicately tinted cheeks, tidy hair and expensive dresses. They simply stretch out their hands in an appeal to be adopted into some comfortable home. Who could resist that? Close by are the bears, compelling attention with their glassy stare, of all sizes from small cubs to the full grown article. Of mechanical toys there is a wide range including some which show that a great deal of ingenuity has been expended in their construction. Youthful engineers will be immediately envious of the numerous boxes of the famous Meccano outfits, with which it is possible to build almost anything from a skyscraper to a wheelbarrow, while of similar nature are the Primus and Kingco sets. The youngsters will be able to spend a pleasant afternoon walking round this toyland.

On the same floor are to be seen a number of handsome dressing cases, which would make ideal presents. These are in first class solid leather and are fitted up in luxurious manner. These may be had for both ladies and gentlemen.

On the ground floor many improvements are being carried out under the supervision of Mr. Smith, the local manager, who has just returned from Australia, after a recuperative holiday. The gent's department is being considerably enlarged and reorganised. When completed it will occupy a floor space of over 2,000 square feet. The arrangements enable the artistic display of goods, as well as making them easily accessible. Adjoining is the boot department where separate fitting rooms for ladies and gentlemen are installed. Other departments are also to be reorganised and when the scheme is completed it will add considerably to the general appearance of the store as well as to the convenience of its patrons. Shortly it is hoped to install a lift, a further evidence of the desire of the management to study the wishes and comfort of those who visit the premises.

THEATRE ROYAL.**AN OSCAR WILDE PLAY.****"A WOMAN OF NO IMPORTANCE."**

If there was any one thing more than another, demonstrated by the performance of "A Woman of No Importance" at the Theatre Royal last night by the Warrent Comedy Company, it was the great improvement made in art of play-writing since the days of Oscar Wilde. From the standpoint of play construction it is out of the question, considered from the standards of to-day, possessing as it does nearly all the faults known to the fraternity; but it is not without its interest as a picture of a section of English life in other days. It is melodramatic, stilted, strained, and naturally old-fashioned, its chief redeeming feature being that it includes a number of the satirical epigrams typical of Wilde. Even these appear to have been forced into the play with the aid of a ten-pound hammer, the effect being to accentuate the natural jerkiness of the piece.

There is such a thing as an old-fashioned play being superbly constructed, as is the case when it is sufficiently old-fashioned to come within the category of Shakespearean productions; but a play is hopeless when it is both old-fashioned and awkwardly assembled.

The company did as well as it could with a medium that would have taxed the capacity of any assembly of players ever brought under one roof. Even Mr. N. Thorpe, a finished actor as he is, had trouble trying to inject a modicum of naturalness into the hide of such a painful old "villain" as Wilde had made of Lord Illingworth. Miss Lena Flower, Miss Clark as Arbuthnot, and Miss Marjory Clark as Hester Worsley, were confronted with the same difficulty. Nevertheless, all managed to carry them off successfully. Miss Joan Mayne was excellent as Mrs. Albany. So was Miss Muriel Aled as Lady Caroline Ponterfract, and Miss Dorothy Radford made a very pleasing and consistent Lady Hunsington.

To-night the company appears in "Brown Sugar."

WATER SUPPLY.**BUILDING REGULATIONS.****LOCAL CHINESE VIEWS.**

The Chinese residents of the Colony, on the invitation of the Kaifong, met at the Tung Wah Hospital last evening to discuss the proposed establishment of a general rider main and water meter system of water supply, as alluded to by H. E. the Governor during the recent Budget debate; and the proposed amendments of the building regulations published some time ago.

The attendance though large, was not up to expectations, most of the big property owners most concerned with the amendments of the building regulations not being present.

The meeting was presided over by the Hon. Mr. Lau Chun Pak, who was supported by the Hon. Mr. Ho Fook.

The Chairman stated that the question of the rider main and meter system of water supply was first raised by the Government seventeen years ago, but was not put into effect owing to the protest of the Chinese inhabitants. The reasons of the Government at that time were the same as those put forward at the Budget debate recently, viz. to economise the use of water and to improve sanitation. He admitted that there was a certain amount of waste of water by Chinese families, such as allowing the water taps to run unattended and other extravagant uses, but at the same time the hardship inflicted upon the labouring classes by the meter system should not be overlooked. Among other grounds upon which the protest was based was the question of who should pay the meter fees; whether it was the landlord or the tenants. Generally several families lived in a Chinese house and another difficulty, arising out of the system was the means of calculating the amount of water used and the fees they should pay. However, he (the Chairman) was glad to be able to say that information obtained from Government quarters indicated that the rider main and meter system of water supply would be abolished and that the revenue (\$200,000) expected from the scheme would be made good by a slight increase in the rates and taxes.

The Chairman next explained the amendments of the building regulations and how they would affect house owners and intending house owners. It was to be regretted that the big property owners were not represented as their opinion on such an important matter would help him and his colleague (the Hon. Mr. Ho Fook) to express the view of the Chinese community when the matter was brought up at the next Legislative Council meeting. However, he thought the best thing for the house owners to do was to consult architects and house-building experts as to how the amendments of the regulations would affect them and inform him and Mr. Ho Fook of their opinions.

Dealing with the matter of the meter system of water supply Mr. Li Po Kwai stated that from his personal experience the water meter was always incorrect. Some time ago he was surprised to find his meter registering a figure far above his normal consumption and he drew the attention of the Water Works people, who demanded \$10 for examining it. The fee was always increasing despite the fact that the water consumption of his family was the same all the time.

Further discussion on the meter system of water supply was deferred until the receipt of definite information from the Government. A committee of house owners to discuss the amendments of the building regulations.

ONCE TOO OFTEN.**SWINDLER CAUGHT.****YOUTH'S FALSE PRETENCES.**

A Chinese youth who was this morning charged before Magistrate Smith with obtaining 12 tins of condensed milk from a confectioner's shop near the Central Market by false pretences, pleaded "not guilty."

Inspector Moore, who prosecuted, said that on December 11, the defendant went to the shop, and producing an order alleged to have come from another confectioner's shop in Wellington Street, took delivery of the milk. After the defendant had departed, the master of the shop discovered the fraud and informed the police. Yesterday the defendant again visited the shop with another order for condensed milk, and was promptly arrested.

The Magistrate passed sentence of six weeks' hard labour.

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CHINESE SUICIDE'S LETTERS.**INTENTIONS EXPLAINED.****"ALL THE WORLD IS GLOOMY."**

At Penang in the second court one Friday recently, Mr. A. C. Baker held an inquest into the circumstances attending the death of Goh or Nghoh Tek Chow, lately manager of Chop Keat Sin Leong, 80 Beach-street who committed suicide by drowning himself in the harbour on November 2. The wife gave evidence. A verdict of "suicide by drowning" was returned.

The deceased left letters explaining his intentions. The following is the translation of one of the letters written in verse to his wife:—"The sky is gloomy and the earth is dark and all the spirits and ghosts are in melancholy. On whom will my mother depend? My wife and children will be crying on account of hunger. Imaginary is the Eternity and who knows what it may be? I bury my body in the maw of fish and depart from this world forever."

"Dated this 21st day of 9th moon Keng Sin year (11.12.20)"

Excerpts from the translation of the second letter read:—"My lot has met with much adversity and the loss of life is on account of money. It is up to me to safeguard my life so that I may look after the family but the loss of my life as a result of my failure is beyond one's expectation."

I am surrounded with difficulties and resourceless of raising further loans, and indignant as I am I will drown myself in Penang waters as a token of thanks to the people. Your husband is not without compassion abandoning you all to starvation but he is compelled to do so during emergencies and his mind is restless. A tremendous disease is setting upon him from which it is impossible to live and it is not worth while for him to live. . . . I will now depart from you for ever. All the world is gloomy. Where shall my soul repose? And before whom shall I take pleading of my repentance?"

"These writings are from the pen of my hand just before my death and all are requested to take good care of themselves."

"The words of Nghoh Tek Chew just before his death."

"To my wife Chuah Tuan."

SPORT.**LEAGUE CRICKET.****C.R.C. v. UNIVERSITY.**

The following will represent the C.R.C. in the above match on Saturday at the University ground:—Ng Sze Kwong (Capt.), Un Hew Pan, Geo. Lee, Shin Man Ping, Choo Man Ping, Wei Wing Lock, H. Ching, Lai Kun, Hung Man To, Lo Man Pun, and James Wong.

FOOTBALL.**SECOND DIVISION RESULTS.**

Clubs.	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
St. Joseph's	7	5	1	0	24	4	12
R.G.A. Res.	7	6	1	0	19	8	12
United Olders	8	4	3	1	18	9	9
United F. C.	7	4	2	1	15	12	9
Kowloon Res.	7	3	2	2	11	18	8
Club Res.	8	3	5	0	9	8	6
S. China Res.	3	5	0	15	16	6	6
Indian R. C.	8	3	5	0	12	18	6
Staff & Depts.	6	2	3	1	10	11	5
"Cardinal"	3	2	1	0	5	4	4
22nd Punjabis	8	2	6	0	8	36	4
Club de Recreo	7	1	5	1	10	19	3

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.**ARRIVALS.**

The s.s. "Wingsang," Capt. Jowitt, 1,517 tons, arrived this morning at 8 a.m. from Saigon with 2,100 tons of rice.

The s.s. "Yingchow," Capt. G. W. Eedy, 1,216 tons, arrived this morning at 8.35 a.m. from Swatow with 300 tons of general cargo.

The s.s. "Torin Maru," Capt. Kawamura, 1,211 tons, arrived this morning at 8.45 a.m. from Wakamatsu with 2,100 tons of coal.

DEPARTURES.

The s.s. "Lake Faulk," Capt. Bahr, sailed for Singapore via Saigon, at 8 a.m. to-day with 165 tons of general cargo.

The s.s. "Jade," Capt. Corradin, sailed for Haiphong at 9 a.m. to-day with 150 tons of general cargo.

CLEARANCES.

The s.s. "Hopsang," Br., cleared to-day and will sail for Tsingtau via Swatow and Shanghai at 6.30 a.m. to-morrow.

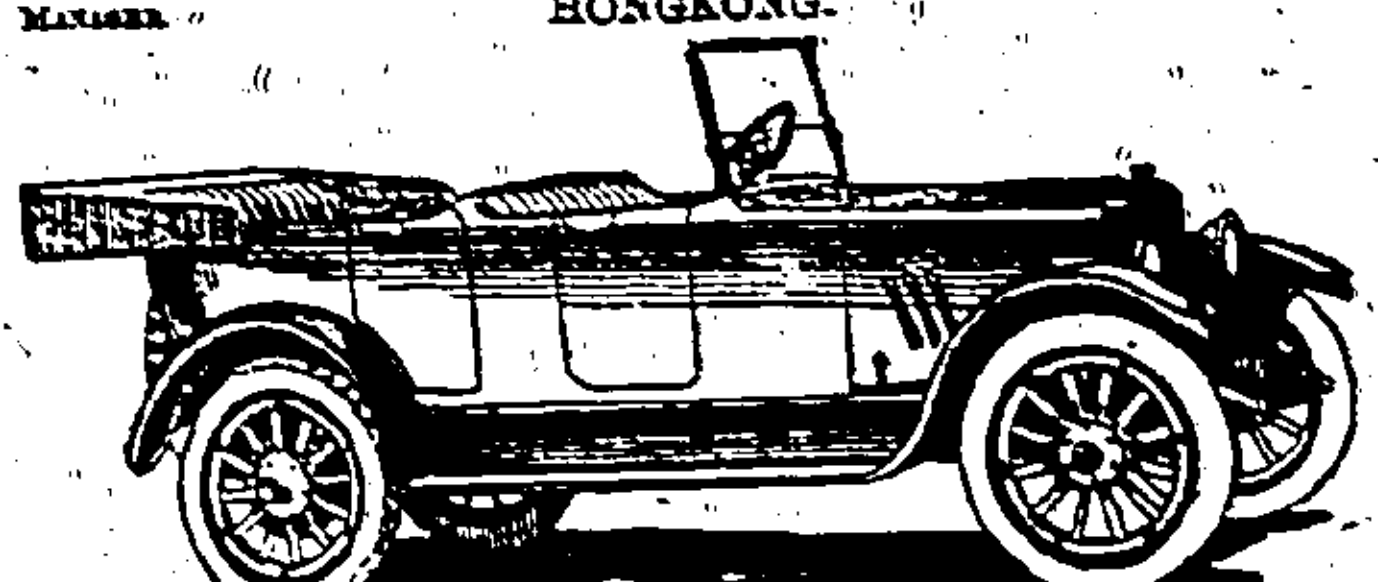
The s.s. "Telemaque," Br., cleared to-day and will sail for Liverpool via Singapore at 8 a.m. to-morrow.

The s.s. "Derwent," Br., cleared to-day and will sail for Saigon at 8 a.m. to-morrow.

The s.s. "Summing," Br., cleared to-day and will sail for Shanghai via Swatow at 10 a.m. to-morrow.

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COMPANY REPORT.

THE CHINA LIGHT AND POWER CO., (1918), LTD.

The report for presentation to the shareholders at the second ordinary general meeting of the China Light and Power Co., (1918), Ltd., to be held at the office of the Company, on Thursday, December 23, at 11 a.m. states—

The General Managers have now to lay before the shareholders a statement of accounts and balance sheet for the 12 months ending September 30, 1920.

The Gross Profit for the above period is \$205,042.86. After allowing for—
Interest—\$11,377.07
Writing off for depreciation on the Co's Lines, Buildings and Machinery, &c. \$49,115.46
Consulting Committee's fees and Auditors' Fees—\$2,900.00

The Balance to be dealt with is \$141,650.33

which it is proposed to appropriate as follows, viz:—
To write off Goodwill account—\$53,000.00
To place to Credit of Staff's Provident Funds—3,500.00
To Reserve for Bad and Doubtful Debts—5,150.33
To pay a dividend of 10 per cent.—80,000.00

\$141,650.33

Consulting Committee.—In accordance with the Articles of Association the Hon. Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., Messrs G. W. Barton, A. H. Compton, and T. F. Hough retire, and being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.
Auditors.—The accounts have been audited by Messrs. F. Maitland and A. R. Lowe. Messrs. F. Maitland and A. R. Lowe are eligible for re-appointment.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.
General Managers.
Hongkong, 23rd December, 1920.

Consulting Committee's fees—2,500.00
Auditors' fees—400.00
Interest—11,377.07
Amount written off as depreciation for 1919/1920—49,115.46
Balance—141,650.33

\$205,042.86

Balance from Working Account—205,042.86

\$205,042.86

BALANCE SHEET.

Capital—

Authorized Capital—200,000 shares at \$5—1,000,000.00

Issued—

100,000 Shares at \$5—500,000.00

each fully paid up—500,000.00

100,000 Shares at \$3—300,000.00

each partly paid up—300,000.00

One Debenture—800,000.00

Sundry Creditors—250,000.00

Profit for the year—116,805.03

1919/1920—141,650.33

\$1,308,455.36

Goodwill (paid for in shares)—133,000.00

Land as per last statement—61,945.00

Buildings and Fixtures—84,865.82

Less Depreciation for 1919/1920—8,486.58

76,379.24

Since expended—215,187.58

265,124.24

Furniture—2,651.24

Less Depreciation for 1919/1920—265.13

2,386.11

Steam Plant—143,000.00

Less Depreciation for 1919/1920—14,300.00

128,700.00

Since expended—14,997.46

143,697.46

Electrical Plant—39,000.00

Less Depreciation for 1919/1920—3,900.00

35,100.00

LAST SUNDAY'S BAZAAR.

MORE PRIZE WINNERS.

FARM YARD AND STORE.

1st Drawing—1 A. D. Barretto, 2 C. A. da Rosa, 3 Mrs. Summers.
2nd Drawing—1 Miss Loureiro, 2 Mrs. R. C. Silva, 3 Mrs. Capell.
3rd Drawing—1 Carmencita Corde, 2 Maria Botelho, 3 Chris Atienza.

4th Drawing—1 F. J. Harding, 2 C. H. Piper, 3 E. Dullon.
5th Drawing—1 J. Pounds, 2 J. Dunbar, 3 M. Sargue.
6th Drawing—1 D. Green, 2 M. Mahon, 3 A. Withers.

7th Drawing—1 W. Jones, 2 A. T. Pring, 3 C. B. Atkinson.
8th Drawing—1 A. Y. Noronha, 2 C. Young, 3 R. Dumbley.
9th Drawing—1 G. Grott, 2 G. S. Rodger, 3 E. E. Wilson.
10th Drawing—1 M. O'Brien, 2 M. O'Brien, 3 H. Stainfield.

11th Drawing—1 P. T. Julian, 2 Yung Chang, 3 M. O'Sullivan.
12th Drawing—1 J. Perkins, 2 E. B. Andrews, 3 Beatrice and Marie.

13th Drawing—1 D. L. Harding, 2 M. Eamer, 3 J. R. Kinghorn.
14th Drawing—1 H. Dixon, 2 Wm. Hearn, 3 E. Goularte d'Aquino.
15th Drawing—1 Ip Kam Kwong, 2 Placida Silva, 3 W. Knight.
16th Drawing—1 Patsy Nicol, 2 H. Lee, 3 J. Rodrigues.

17th Drawing—1 G. Bellis, 2 V. F. Azevedo, 3 L. Bauchin.

18th Drawing—1 Botelho, 2 A. J. Morris, 3 Mrs. Sandford.

19th Drawing—1 Miss Gardner, 2 J. Irving, 3 L. Lammert.

20th Drawing—1 D. Crook, 2 F. A. Wilson, 3 L. Ritcher.

21st Drawing—1 W. G. Fitz Gibbon, 2 L. G. Ribeiro, 3 J. Arthur Howe.

22nd Drawing—1 Sonny Thirwell, 2 L. E. Lammert, 3 A. d'Azevedo.

23rd Drawing—1 G. Roza, 2 J. de Brito, 3 L. G. Ribeiro.

24th Drawing—1 W. Hynes, 2 C. M. Carvalho, 3 M. Roza.

25th Drawing—1 P. Murphy, 2 J. M. Leather, 3 Joan Jansen.

26th Drawing—1 H. A. Branch, 2 B. H. Barradas, 3 G. B. Wicheell.

27th Drawing—1 W. Glendinning, 2 C. F. X. da Rosa, 3 G. Harper.

A representative of Chang Chien approached the Ministry of Communications, reporting that he is organizing an overseas navigation company, and that he has sent a representative to Europe for the purchase of steamships, which will sail from Shanghai to Europe. The Company may be floated in six months.

Since expended—8.48

35,108.48

Overhead Mains—151,000.00

Less Depreciation for 1919/1920—15,100.00

135,900.00

Since expended—8,852.74

144,752.74

Underground Mains—11,545.58

Less Depreciation for 1919/1920—1,154.56

10,391.02

Since expended—58,710.82

64,101.84

Sundry Miscellaneous Equipment—1,985.45

Less Depreciation for 1919/1920—992.73

992.72

Since expended—5,456.86

4,464.14

Value of Stores Written down and Materials for new Installation—365,010.00

Fuel in Stock—5,224.08

Since expended—21,783.33

Less Depreciation for 1919/1920—3,916.46

23,666.87

Premia on unexpired policies—913.27

Sundry Debtors—56,878.57

Since expended—2,045.62

58,924.19

Cash in hand—28,280.88

Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corp. Deposit with Colonial Treasurer—5,000.00

Since expended—35,326.50

\$1,308,455.36

SUIT DISMISSED.

FIRE INSURANCE CASE.

PLAINTIFF FAILS TO APPEAR.

On the failure of the plaintiff to put in an appearance, the suit of Sang Kee against several insurance companies for \$24,985.95, an alleged loss on a fire at 5 Whitefield Street June 30, 1919, was dismissed by the Acting Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Gompertz, in the Supreme Court this morning.

The defendant companies were the China Fire Insurance Company, the North China Insurance Company Ltd., and the Employers' Liability Assurance Corporation Ltd. They were represented by Mr. Alabaster, instructed by Deacon, Looker, Deacon and Harston.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Manila Senate has passed a Bill authorizing the expenditure of Pesos 1,000,000 for an independence programme fund.

Providing there is sufficient frost the Tientsin Skating Club rink which is situated in the same part of the Recreation ground as in former years, will open on December 20.

The P.M.S. "Columbia," which arrived in Shanghai on Dec. 9, brought 1,050 tons of general cargo, about C.S. \$1,500,000 worth of bullion, a full list of passengers, and a number of bags of mail.

A Minchi News Agency report states that the editors of four Chinese daily newspapers, published in Canton, who were arrested on December 12 on charges of having assisted the Kwangsi Party in its opposition against the return of the Cantonese Army and misrepresented public opinion through a series of statements where supposed authors never existed, will be tried by the Civil Courts instead of by the Military Tribunal.

That "saviours of Singapore" legend dies hard in the ranks of the M.S.V.R. Appealing for volunteers at an Ipoh meeting, Col Hume recalled how "during the mutiny in Singapore the M.S.V.R. did good work and saved the situation considerably." Anyone who was there knows that the M.S.V.R. far from saving, had to be saved by the poor, discredited old S.V.C. amongst other rescues (with always chief honours to the gallant men of H.M.S. Cadmus, who might have been a mob of Gunga Dinns for all that is said of them in the F.M.S.)—*Malaya Tribune.*

Some years ago a Chinese whose daughter had been kidnapped wrote to the Inspector in Charge of one of the Municipal Police Stations asking that an endeavour should be made to trace her. He had apparently failed to get any satisfaction from the Chinese Officials as may be gathered from the following extract from his letter:—"I have repeatedly petitioned to the Chinese Magistrate but very sorry to say, in fact very shameful to say that, owing to the 'itching palm' habit, which is the cancer of government in China, my petition was rejected with a piece of paper, which gave a lot of excuses."

Nearly twice as many Germans are in Japan to-day as were there before the war, say Japanese producers, who fear that many Japanese producers will be driven from the market once German industry recovers its former prosperity. German toys, chemicals and dyes valued at more than Y. 10,000,000 have already been imported, they are quoted as saying by the *Yamato*. German residents in Japan, says the *Japan Advertiser*, are steadily increasing in number, most of them being employed in factories as engineers. Nearly 100 applications have been received from German engineers and other experts for positions in Japan.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENT.

WAR MEMORIAL.

SUBSCRIPTION LIST.

FOR the erection by Public Subscription of a building to be called the WAR MEMORIAL INSTITUTE and to be managed for the joint use of the Navy, the Army and Civilians by a Joint Board of Directors.

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" Kowloon Cricket Club.

" Kowloon Bowling Club.

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" Craigswater Club.

M. J. BREEN.

Hon. Secretary.

War Memorial Committee.

Hongkong, December 15, 1920.

TO-DAY'S NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

THE Office and Stations of the CHINESE MARITIME CUSTOMS for Kowloon and District WILL BE CLOSED to Public Business on the 22nd, 23rd, and 24th instant, and on the 1st and 2nd January, 1921.

W. G. LAY,
Commissioner of Chinese Customs,
Kowloon and District,
York Buildings,
Hongkong, December 14, 1920.

REPULSE BAY HOTEL.

HE completion of the Ball Room Extension has increased the Dance Floor capacity to 6,000 Square Feet.

CABARET DINNER DANCES will be held at the above Hotel on the following dates:—

SATURDAY, 18th December, 1920.

WEDNESDAY, 22nd December, 1920.

XMAS EVE, FRIDAY, 24th December, 1920.

BOXING DAY, MONDAY, 27th December, 1920.

WEDNESDAY, 29th December, 1920.

NEW YEAR'S EVE, FRIDAY, 31st December, 1920.

AND

NEW YEAR'S DAY, SATURDAY, 1st January, 1921.

HONGKONG HOTEL.

CABARET DINNER DANCE XMAS NIGHT, SATURDAY, 25th December, 1920.

SMITH AND JACKSON, will entertain with the latest songs and dances on the above dates.

HONGKONG HOTEL.

NEW YEAR'S EVE, FRIDAY, 31st December, 1920.

HE attention of patrons is drawn to the fact that the usual dance will not be held at the Hotel on the above date, as the entire accommodation has been booked from 9.30 p.m. for the "AT HOME" to be given by Lt. Col. J. R. Wyndham and Officers of the 2nd. Battalion, The Duke of Edinburgh's (Wiltshire Regiment).
Hongkong, December 15, 1920.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

12 Cuts of land have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

FRIDAY, December 17, 1920, commencing at 11 a.m., at their Sales Rooms, Duddell Street.

5 cases Steel Springs,
1 case Magneto, Spark Plugs, etc.
1 case Brass Flower Pots, Vases, Lanterns, etc.
1 crate Brass Nettings,
2 cases Iron ware,
1 case Chain & Oil,
1 case Ladies' Shoes,
5 cases Socks,
4 cases Hats,
1 case Fancy Lace,
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9 cases Perchle of Mercury,
800 lbs. Round Tacks Core Packing.
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Terms: Cash on delivery.

LAMBERT BROS., Auctioneers.

Hongkong, December 15, 1920.

PACIFIC MAIL S.S. COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "WEST NERIS,"

From SAN FRANCISCO via HONOLULU AND MANILA.

THE above mentioned vessel having arrived from the above mentioned Ports, Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their cargo will be landed at their risk into the Pacific Mail Steamship Company's godowns at West Point, and stored at Consignees' risk.

Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that they must produce an Import Permit signed by the Superintendent of the Imports and Exports, Hongkong, before Bills of Lading can be countersigned.

All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the godowns, where they will be examined on December 20, at 10 a.m.

All claims must be presented within a week of the steamer's arrival here after which they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after December 21, will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature immediately.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO., Hotel Manilla.

Hongkong, December 14, 1920.

AT HOME.

MRS. P. H. HOLYOAK, will be "AT HOME" to her friends at 143, Barker Road, Peak, on MONDAY, the 20th and TUESDAY, the 21st December.

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WANTED—WELL FURNISHED FLAT in Kowloon or Hongkong by Young Married Couple without children, 1st or 15th March. With-out Board. Apply Box 1245, c/o "China Mail."

LADIES' GOLF.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held at 11 a.m. on FRIDAY, January 7th at the Helena May Institute. It is hoped that all Lady Golfers will be present.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

HE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (for account of the concerned), on

TUESDAY,

December 21, 1920, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Voeux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

WHITE GOODS, &c., &c., Comprising:—

Pillow Cases, Quilts, Turkish Towels, Bath Towels, Bath Sheets, Double Bed Sheets, Drawnwork Bedspreads, Table Covers, Crochet and Drawnwork Dollies, Table Cloths, Linen Damask Serviettes.

A few lots of Kit Bags, Suit Cases, and Attache Cases, etc. (Full Particulars from Catalogue).

TERMS—Cash.

HUGHES & HUGHES, Auctioneers.

Hongkong, December 15, 1920.

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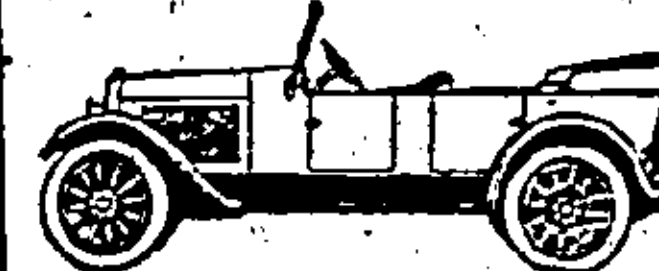
Ch. Sheffield Tubs, Arm-chairs (a set), Folding Card and Occasional Tables, One p. patterned Suite, Bedroom Furniture comprising Trawlwood Twin Bedsteads, large and small Ward-robes, Dressing Tables, and Chairs, Washstands, &c. (Trawlwood), Sideboards, Dinner Wagon, Extension Dining Tables and Chairs, &c., Dinner services, Crockery, and Glass Ware, Working Stoves, Jollery, &c., Bath &c. (Trawlwood), Electro-Plated Ware, Electric Reading Lamps, Trawlwood Bedsteads, Sundry Trawlwood Furniture, Slide Tables, Chairs, Cabinets, Pictures, Carpets, &c.

Also American Ice Chest, Enamelled Bath, several lots Tennis Balls, &c. (Full Particulars from Catalogue).

TERMS—Cash.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

TERRIBLE SCENES IN CORK.

LONDON, December 13th.
Following the ambush last night in which 400 persons were killed and 11 wounded, bombs were thrown into a motor-lorry near the barracks in Cork.

In the great fire in Cork City last night, a great portion of the central part of the city was destroyed, including the Municipal Library, a number of shops, a cinema theatre and a number of private houses.

There have been a number of bomb explosions and some firing has also taken place. The population is panic-stricken.

LONDON, December 13th.

After the dreadful night, Cork City yesterday presented a ghastly spectacle only to a town in Flanders after the German bombardment. Fires blazed all day in the basements of the great stores, despite the efforts of the Fire Brigade, although the brigade in the fire area was only broken by the rumbling of the motor-lorries and the crashing of walls. When evening fell, the city was strongly patrolled by troops with orders summarily to shoot looters and prevent gatherings. Furniture removers were busy throughout the day removing furniture from the threatened areas, while hundreds were making an exodus to the surrounding towns. The latest estimate states that altogether 140 houses were destroyed. The damage is believed to be £7,000,000. Two thousand shop workers are idle.

The Catholic Bishop solemnly announced in the Cathedral that he would excommunicate everybody connected with the ambush of the Crown Forces.

LATER.

Three hundred buildings were destroyed in Cork by the fires.

LONDON, December 13th.

In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. T. P. O'Connor in regard to the Cork fire, Sir Hamar Greenwood stated that the police and military gave as possible assistance. A certain amount of looting occurred early in the morning. The police made a baton charge on a crowd of a hundred looters and arrested several. It was not known by whom the fires were started. (Labour and Independent Liberal ironical cheers)—Sir Hamar Greenwood protested most strongly against the suggestion that the Forces of the Crown started the fires (cheers).—There was no evidence to that effect. Obviously such fires were the only possible argument against the Government's policy in Ireland.

Replying to Commander Kenworthy, Sir Hamar Greenwood declared that there was not an atom of evidence that three civilians were dragged from their houses and shot after the ambush, that the houses of the Fire Brigade were cut and that the fire brigades were fired on. Every available policeman and soldier in Cork turned out immediately, and without their assistance the fire brigades could not have got through the crowd. There was evidence to show that the fires were started by incendiary bombs, which the Forces of the Crown in Ireland did not possess, but which the Sinn Feiners possessed.

Replying to Mr. Walter Guinness, Sir Hamar Greenwood stated that certain houses were destroyed by fire whence, the police alleged, bombs were thrown, and which they were authorised to destroy in the circumstances. He submitted that the fire had nothing to do with the ambush. The motion of Commander Kenworthy for adjournment was carried.

GOLD AND SILVER BILL.

LONDON, December 13th.
In the House of Commons the Government agreed to fix a third time. The Gold and Silver Bill of five years. The Bill was read the third time.

AMERICAN NAVY.

LONDON, December 13th.
A telegram from Washington says that, in the annual report, Mr. Daniels, Secretary of the Navy, states that the present fleet is adequate, if the United States enters the League of Nations. Otherwise, he would recommend the construction, in the next three years, of 3 battleships, 30 cruisers, 1 battle-cruiser, 8 gunboats, 18 destroyers and 18 submarines.

There are at present, under construction 11 battleships, 8 battle-cruisers, and 120 auxiliary vessels. Mr. Daniels still considers battleships as the backbone of the fleet, and, referring to the respective merits of the capital ship and the submarine, he contends that history has shown that for every new weapon against the battleship a new organ of defence has been invented. In this connection he mentions that Japan has laid down five capital ships since the Armistice. Nevertheless, he says that the submarine, unless internationally outlawed, has come to stay and its ruthless use by the Germans has not altered the fact that there is a large field for the legitimate use of submarines.

SOVIET ULTIMATUM.

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Goods have left the Godowns, and all
Goods remaining undelivered after the
20th inst., will be subject to rent.

All claims against the Steamer must
be presented to the Underigned on or
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The *Daily Chronicle's* Berlin correspondent writes:—
I learn that the Zeppelin Company has decided, despite the successful trial flight of the new secret giant aeroplane, not to proceed with the building of any others, as it is believed they would not be a paying proposition.

It is intended to make a first attempt with the new machine to fly from Berlin to New York.

Built at Staaken, near Berlin, the aeroplane looks like a gigantic locust. It has many new features, and is another instance of the tendency to return to the monoplane type of flying machine.

In the cabin there is room for 18 passengers, and two mechanics and two pilots will be carried.

There are four engines, two on each side of the body, fixed on to the wings. They are Maybach engines, such as were fitted to the "civilian" Zeppelin which did so many trips last summer, and they are each of 250 h.p.

Behind each of the engines is a little cabin for the mechanic.

The wings of aluminium like the greater part of the monoplane, contain the petrol tanks, which, it is said, will carry enough for about 42 hours, running.

Those who have built the monoplane say that its highest speed will be 250 miles an hour.

"We shall hit New York 36 hours after the start," one of the pilots declares. No date has been fixed for the great adventure across the Atlantic.

I learn that there is no intention on the part of the Entente Disarmament Commission to seize the machine.

The Zeppelin Company have not made any plans to resume passenger and postal traffic by means of airships, or build others.

Zeppelin airships, by the way, are no longer at Staaken, near Berlin, but at Friedrichshafen, on Lake Constance. At Staaken more than 100 workmen have just been dismissed, and little or no work is now being done there.

"OXONIANNES."

WOMEN UNDERGRADUATES.

NAME WANTED FOR VARSITY WOMEN.

What is the most fitting word with which to designate women undergraduates?

Officially they are just "women undergraduates," but this is too clumsy for the Oxford undergraduate mind. Minds that should be wrestling with mathematics or the classics have been struggling in vain over the problem and have had to confess defeat. The apt word has not yet been born.

An effort has been made, apparently in despair, to make the name "Black and Tans" stick, but its application is too subtle. Moreover, it lacks snap and originality.

"Undergraduate" is an even more obvious and unoriginal attempt. The man who invents the title that fits will earn undying fame.

Meanwhile, the women themselves are quite content to enjoy all the male privileges even to the name. At the same time, they are introducing variety into the wearing of their dress. The sartorial taste of professors is evidently appreciated by them, for apparently they do not avoid any opportunity of wearing it in public.

Women students bound for the sports field evidently regard it as the correct thing to wear on and gown, and the sight of one in sports attire with a gown pedalling a bicycle through the Oxford streets is not an uncommon one.

Women students at Somerville College have been asked to turn their country walks to good purpose, and to "take back" and thus relieve the local landlady's suggestion.

THIRTEEN COCKTAILS.

MIKADO'S BIRTHDAY FETE.

CLASH ON JAPANESE STEAMER.

Thus the *San Francisco Chronicle*—
Peace and quiet as well as amicable international relations hovered in the balance and tottered perilously near the borderland of melee, turmoil and race riots upon the last trip of the Toyo Kisen Kaisha liner "Siberia Maru" from the Orient, according to gossip that was current among the ship's passengers upon their arrival in San Francisco.

It was thirteen cocktails that endangered the harmony.

Thirteen cocktails, the birthday of Japan's Emperor and T. Daniel Frawley, theatrical producer!

It was a perfect passage upon the big Japanese steamer from the moment she drew away from the wharves of Hongkong until she was two days out of Honolulu.

That was October 31, the Emperor's birthday!

It was the signal of much busy preparation aboard ship for a scene of gaiety and a ceremonial dinner.

The dining saloon was draped with flags. The dinner menu was elaborate and the service more than usually formal.

There were 111 Japanese first-class passengers and ninety-seven Europeans for whom places were laid. Among them was T. Daniel Frawley, theatrical man, and Captain Nagano, ship's commander.

HE AND HIS 13 COCKTAILS.

Dinner was served at 8 o'clock. It is asserted by those who say they know that during the hour preceding, T. Daniel teased his appetite with thirteen cocktails, the good old-fashioned sort with lots of kick.

"To the Emperor and the glory of Japan" was the toast offered by Captain Nagano from his host's place at the commander's table. He elaborated upon the virtues and development of Japan, as well as the nation's position among the countries of the world.

Scarcely had the captain seated himself after his peroration, when Frawley, with the thirteen cocktails, was upon his feet.

In a voice, which passengers upon the ship describe as strident and with all of his dramatic skill in play he thereupon relieved his mind of many things. The Mikado was denounced, the Japanese attitude towards America was discussed exhaustively, Japan in general was touched upon and a conclusion was reached with a hollow and sepulchral warning that Japan was headed in the general direction of a fall.

JUST SPOILED THE PARTY.

The dinner was a bloomer from that moment. The thirteen cocktails and the Emperor's birthday, together with T. Daniel, had just ruined the party. Every one present admits that.

The events that followed are those upon which the passengers are inclined to disagree.

Those whose homes are in the Orient aver with vigour that the behaviour of the Japanese ship's officers and the men of the crew was beyond reproach. That when a committee from the Caucasian passengers went to the captain to present the regrets of the American and Europeans upon the unfortunate occurrence, they were waved away with the statement that complete understanding of Mr. Frawley's unfortunate condition made explanations unnecessary.

MAKES FULSOME APOLOGY.

They also assert that there was no danger at all and that the fulsome public apology which was made by the offender at luncheon the following day was accepted without question and with no disturbance of the peace.

Upon the other hand there is a persistent and unsubstantiated story, which was whispered by other passengers, that immediately following the verbal attack upon Nippon, the ship's crew started up the companionway with the avowed intention of throwing all Americans overboard.

This, it is said, was prevented only by the prompt action of the

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USEFUL NEW SCHEME FOR BRITISH SUBJECTS.

The Imperial Government, with the concurrence of, and in co-operation with, the Governments of the Dominions, will shortly issue what are termed "Empire wide" passports, available for the whole of the Empire in supersession of the existing system, which requires passports to be renewed in each part of the Empire visited by the holder.

Under the new system any British subject who holds a British passport, however endorsed, or even not endorsed at all, will be able to travel anywhere within the Empire without further formality, and the same rule will apply to new passports to be issued to British subjects.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

The change is the result of a proposal made to the Prime Minister of South Africa by Sir R. A. Blankenberg, Acting High Commissioner in London for that Dominion, and approved of by the Government of the Union of South Africa. The proposal, having also received the approval of the Imperial Government, was commended to each of the Dominions in a despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, who wrote:

The suggestion has been made by the Union Government of South Africa, with a view to avoiding unnecessary restrictions on travel, that passports issued to British subjects in any part of the Empire may be endorsed by the issuing authority for availability anywhere within the Empire thus dispensing with the necessity for fresh endorsements, save for the renewal of the life of a passport. It is desirable, of course, that passports of this extended availability should be granted only when the issuing authority is entirely satisfied as to the recipient's bona fides. In case of doubt a passport should be endorsed for a single journey only, as at present. No objection is seen to the scheme from the United Kingdom point of view on the understanding that the application of the scheme to persons locally naturalised be reserved for further consideration.

AUSTRALIA'S OBJECTION.

The proposal was concurred in by all the Dominions, with the exception of Australia, the Government of which pointed out that in view of the fact that almost all vessels leaving Australia for Great Britain or Canada touched at foreign ports, and that passengers required for their passports visa by Italian, French, or other Consuls, as the case might be, and that the practice of foreign Consuls was not to endorse passports unless issued by the Commonwealth specifically for travel by way of these countries. Lord Milner, in reply, pointed out that it was never intended that such passports should not require endorsement for any foreign country to or through which the holder might be travelling.

Ultimately it was agreed that Lord Milner's proposal should be accepted and acted upon throughout the Empire, subject to the condition that all passports to British subjects for use within the Empire should be renewable every two years for a maximum period of ten years.

NEW GUINEA SENSATION.

OFFICIAL SEARCH FOR HUNTING PARTY.

The Home and Territories Department states that investigations regarding the disappearance in New Guinea recently of Messrs Bell and Dreiser and a party of natives are being pushed forward with all speed. The party, which was engaged in hunting birds of paradise, is thought to have been ambushed by natives along the Fly River. Articles found in a deserted village have given rise to the belief that the unfortunate men were killed and eaten.

Mr. Hunt received on October 29, that he had received a telegram from Judge Murray, in which it was stated that there was a probability that the party was not killed in the village in which the articles were found. If the murders had occurred there it is considered that much more of the equipment of the expedition, in the way of clothing and firearms, would have been found.

"I think it improbable," added Judge Murray, "that the whole of the party could have been destroyed." The expedition, which is to make a thorough search of the Fly River district in Dutch New Guinea and Papua, will leave Daru shortly under the leadership of Mr. Lyons, a member of the administration staff at Port Moresby.

officers, who, with some of the saner members of the crew, engaged in a pitched battle to keep the men below decks. American women on the boat were said to have locked themselves in their staterooms until the figure quieted down.

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CAREER OF CRIME.

A HARDENED OFFENDER.

RETURN FROM BANISHMENT.

A Chinese with a very unenviable record of crime, was this morning charged before Magistrate Orme with unlawfully returning to the Colony after having been banished on March 10, 1917 for a period of ten years.

Accused pleaded "guilty." Inspector Willis, who prosecuted, produced the defendant's record which showed that he had done various terms of imprisonment, between 1912 and 1917, amounting to over two years. He was first sentenced on March 26, 1912, to 42 days' hard labour for larceny from the person. Soon afterwards, on September 9, of the same year, he did 3 months for stealing. He had not been out of jail long, when on May 31, 1913 he was again in trouble and got one month for trespassing. This term was followed by a sentence of 12 months for larceny on October 20, the same year. Nothing was seen of the prisoner during the whole of 1914, but on January 9, of the following year he again gave the police trouble and was sentenced to 14 days for stealing. On July 21, 1915, he was again arrested for stealing, and this time received 6 months. In the following year he was twice in trouble for being a rogue and a vagabond. For this offence he did two terms of 42 days, the first sentence being dated June 19, 1916, and the other almost immediately after his discharge, on July 31, 1916. His last term of imprisonment began on February 9, 1917, and on his discharge from jail on March 13, he was deported for ten years, only to return after three years' absence.

Regretting that law did not permit him to pass a heavier sentence, the Magistrate sent the man to jail for 12 months, and recommended that he be again deported on his discharge from jail.

SOAP ROMANCE.

FIRMS RISE TO FAME.

GROWTH OF LEVER BROTHERS, LTD.

The growth of Lever Brothers, Ltd., is one of the romances of business.

The founder of the firm, Mr. W. H. Lever, now Lord Leverhulme, was born in 1851, and at 20 entered his father's grocery business. When he was 34, in 1885, he bought a small soap factory in Warrington, and set him to work to devise a household soap which would not turn rancid. He called his soap "Sunlight," and by bold advertising rapidly built up a gigantic business.

In 1889 this business had so greatly expanded that a new establishment was built at Port Sunlight, on the Mersey. The firm then became known as Lever Brothers. In 1894 it was formed into a joint stock company under the name Lever Brothers, Ltd., with a capital of £1,500,000 which was rapidly expanded.

From early days its business was organised on comprehensive lines, so as to control raw material from the outset. Thus coconut plantations were secured in the Pacific Islands, where copra or dried coconut was produced, from which the oil was compressed in a factory at Sydney.

Oil-mills were built in the United States to crush cotton seed. The utmost use was made of by-products. Works for the making of "Sunlight" soap were started in Germany, in Belgium, in France, and in Switzerland.

Today, the company owns coconut plantations in the far-off Solomon Islands (near New Guinea), in the wilds of the Congo, and in British West Africa. It controls the Southern Whaling Company which carries on whale fishing in the remote Antarctic seas. It has absorbed many other soapmaking firms or obtained a controlling interest in them.

It has launched out into many other trades such as the manufacture of margarine, jam production, and fishing. It holds nearly all the shares in the Niger Company, thus securing an immense supply of oil-nuts and seeds such as are used in making soap and margarine.

The company only recently entered into an arrangement with the African and Eastern Trade Corporation in order to bring under one control all its various businesses and interests in West Africa. In July the business of P. Chivers and Co., Ltd., a great jam-making firm, also became associated with the company.

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INTERPRET CRICKET.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

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NEW MENACE TO
MANKIND.AERIAL WEAPONS TO BLOT
OUT CITIES.

Sir Leo Chiozza Money writes—
The current Estimates provide no less than £23,000,000 for the Air Force—a sum nearly as great as we spent upon the Army before the war-to-end-war began. Large as this sum is, it is bagatelle to what we shall have to spend in the years to come unless a League of Nations becomes effective and succeeds in abolishing aerial armaments.

Already a chorus of voices is raised to denounce our unpreparedness for war in the air. Their burden is that we must, at all costs, maintain a fighting air supremacy.

Let it be clearly realized that if there is to be a "next war" it will be fought by the engineer and the chemist as never war has been fought. The horrors of 1914-1918 pale their ineffectual fires before the practical possibilities of the future.

What will be the conditions of aerial fighting in 20 years' time, while still the schoolboys of to-day are young men?

There is no doubt whatever that, unless the world arrives at a convention to stay "progress" in this matter, the lapse of 20 years will find the nations of the world armed with aerial weapons capable of destruction of a kind which was never dreamed of 10 years ago, even in fantastic romances, and that destruction will have for its supreme characteristic that it will involve war, not upon fighting forces, but upon peoples, upon towns, upon the old and the young, upon men, women, and children, without discrimination as to age or infirmity.

WAR ON NON-COMBATANTS.

Let us not imagine for a moment that it will be possible to confine the warfare of the future to fighting men or fighting vessels. In the late war the air attack was really a trifling matter—a mere hint of future possibilities. Nevertheless, the German airmen killed in Great Britain 1,413 persons, and wounded 3,407. Of the killed, nearly one-half were women and children. Of the total casualties nearly the whole occurred amongst civilian non-combatants. If we are engaged in a "next war" 20 years' hence, it may safely be prophesied that the 4,820 casualties of the late war will be multiplied by at least one thousand.

There will be no question of conscripting young men, married or unmarried, to fight that "next war," nor will it be possible to raise

"volunteers" to fight it. It will be fought by the nation, huddling under skies from which at any moment 10,000 bolts may fall, each capable of spreading conflagration or poisonous death.

"LIGHTNING SWIFTESS."

It is also necessary to realize that the opening of the "next war" will be of lightning swiftness, with or without a formal declaration.

A swarm of aeroplanes, travelling at 150 or 200 miles an hour, will arrive over the enemy's capital almost as soon as slipped from the leash. In the time to come, if a contest for air supremacy is to be engaged upon similar to the naval building and counter-building of the days before the last war, it will become necessary for each nation to have its defensive aerial forces continuously mobilized. And as the air has so many roads, it is a case in which defence will call for an enormous equipment. This was illustrated even in the petty aerial doings of the late war, when the expected visit of a few German aeroplanes to London compelled us to set up widespread and most costly defences, not only in and around London, but at all the approaches to it.

The penalties of unsuccessful defence would be heavy. A capital whose air forces had been defeated or out-manoeuvred would be exposed to wholesale destruction by high explosives and poison gas bombs. Short of the construction of underground works sufficient to hold the entire community, which is an obvious impossibility, the civil population would be doomed.

Surface railways, surface munition works, surface food stores, etc., would be useless. They would be easy marks for the air assailants of the future.

THE CASE OF THE ISLAND.

A future of aerial warfare means that Britain not only loses her island security but that, just because she is an island, she stands to suffer more than others.

A position of exceptional security becomes changed to one of exceptional insecurity. Warships, and merchant ships will alike be at the mercy of the aeroplanes of the future.

There is no remedy against these evils save one, and that is an international pact to end aerial warfare. Such a pact will not be achieved unless the imagination of the world's peoples is stirred to the nature of the menace which threatens the future of civilization. It is the purpose of these words to direct attention to the consequences which must inevitably result from a contest in aerial armaments, in the belief that if those consequences are realized opinion everywhere will demand

FAREWELL CEREMONY.

UNION CHURCH FUNCTION.

DEPARTURE OF REV. MR. WILLIAMS.

The congregation of Union Church last night assembled in the Church to bid farewell to the Rev. G. J. Williams, who has been acting as pastor for some months, during the absence of Mr. Maconachie on furlough. Mr. and Mrs. Williams will leave for China on Tuesday, and on January 21 will sail for England on the "Plassy".

Mr. Williams is a former pastor of Union Church, holding the pastorate from 1893 to 1902. He then went to England and became pastor of a Church in Halifax, Yorkshire. After four years he became one of the Secretaries at the headquarters of the London Missionary Society, and later went to Melbourne as Australasian Secretary of the Society. This year he entered on his first furlough for eleven years. He surrendered the greater part of it, however, when the Union Church appealed to him to take its pulpit again, in the absence of Mr. Maconachie, and came here in willing response. He expects to resume his work in Australia in 1921.

At last night's meeting, Mr. McPherson, Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. in Hongkong, presided and expressed the appreciation of the Church for Mr. Williams' untiring efforts in its behalf.

Mr. Williams thanked the Church for its support and sympathy; some members, he believed, had never missed a service during his temporary pastorate and he felt like reciprocating their gift to him and Mrs. Williams by offering an attendance prize. He hoped Union Church would long continue to wield its important influence in the Far East.

During the evening songs were rendered by Mrs. Buchanan, Mrs. Stewart and Mr. F. H. Farthing, and Mr. Williams gave two recitations.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams were presented with a handsome silver-mounted blackwood tray on a folding stand, suitably engraved. On the tray was a representation of Union Church engraved in silver.

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MORALITY OF THE FILM.

NECESSARY CENSORSHIP.

"FILMS WHICH ARE DEGRADING."

The old maxim, "Let me make a nation's songs, and I care not who makes its laws," is in need of revision. What now sways the great heart of the people is not song, but moving pictures. At the cinema, whether we like it or not, a large proportion of the population find their chief amusement, their only art, and most of their ideas. In its choice and treatment of subjects the most sanguine producers of films must admit their industry is rather experimental, and it has been wise to recognise the need of some standard and some judicial control in the establishment of the Board of Film Censors, over which Mr. T. P. O'Connor presides. Their task is thankless. No censorship, whether vested in an individual or a committee, will always avoid mistakes or always satisfy public feeling. But whatever our opinions on the value of a censor in other forms of art, it certainly has a function in the cinema industry while, as we read in the Board's last report, censors "find themselves flooded with films in which inhuman monsters use all kinds of mysterious methods of assassination." We shall not attempt to define a boundary between what is tolerable in a book and intolerable on the screen, but it is obvious that the tale of horror is not the same thing in the two different mediums. To condemn all representations of crime is childish. The censors remark that the subject "makes a strong appeal to the imagination of the public." The true state of the case is that story of exciting adventure can hardly be composed without an element of crime. Where is the romance, new or old, which lacks villainy? The purveyors of stories for the million, whether they work through the cinema or an older medium, are apt to rely on violent colours and startling design. We do not accept all that is said of the corrupting influence of "crime films" on the young. As in the old days when juvenile crime used to be consistently ascribed to the reading of "penny dreadfuls," one case in which there is good evidence of connection between film and arrest leads

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THE NEXT WAR!

POISON GAS.

LORD MOUTON ON EXPLOSIVES AND TOXIC ACIDS.

Lord Moulton, in his presidential address to the Society of Dyers and Colourists in Bradford spoke of the necessity for the greater recognition of industrial chemists and for the greater use of science by them. Nothing, he said, was as certain to make the supremacy of an industry short-lived as to allow itself to be "spoon fed."

In the course of his war duties he looked round for works to make explosives and later on toxic acids. He found a terrible dearth of works suitable for organic chemistry. The war was based on German chemistry. But for the triumphs of German chemistry which England had not imitated, the war must have been over in three or four months. When he came to contemplate the next war he believed that recourse would be made to toxic substances first of all, and that that nation would have the greatest advantage which had chemical industries capable of supplying the need. If such a war were to break out and find us in such a state of nudity as we were at the beginning of the last war, long before we could meet the danger the war would be decided.

to the fallacious assumption that every little thief and every young hoodlum was trained in a picture palace. But we fully agree with the censors that the efforts of producers to elaborate and make still more lurid the criminal interest have produced films which are degrading, and which "threaten to become a danger to the reputation of the cinema." They now decline to pass any film in which "crime is the dominant feature" or its methods the chief theme. Their other difficulties are chiefly concerned with sexual morality and the principles on which they act are broadly those approved by popular sentiment. They take, as every censor should, the standards of conduct and propriety commonly accepted. The vast majority of cinema audience will be heartily grateful for the operations of such a censorship. Ordinary folk have no desire to feed upon horrors or to be offered the indecent. The function of the cinema is to provide amusement and excitement, not for exotic tastes or hardened palates, not even for those who always seek some new thing, but for the many.

JUTLAND HUSH-UP.

NO OFFICIAL REPORT.

ADMIRALTY HIDING THE TRUTH.

In an editorial the *Daily Mail* says:—The Admiralty is still trying to hide the truth about the Battle of Jutland.

The Navy and the nation have long wanted to know why Lord Jellicoe, with an overwhelming British battle-fleet, turned away from a beaten German fleet of half his strength and allowed it to escape, when it had been placed in his hands by the gallant fighting of Earl Beatty. He thereby prolonged the war by two years and rendered the deadly submarine campaign possible.

Again and again during the past eighteen months the Admiralty has promised to publish an official account of the battle with all the vital documents, as soon as that account was completed. The account is made up, and has been in print for months. But the Admiralty representative in the House of Commons repudiated all the past promises, and calmly announced that the account will not be published at all. It is to be handed to Sir Julian Corbett, who is writing an official history of the naval war. There is no assurance that the vital documents will be printed by him. There is no security that they will not be censored, and, when questioned on that point, the Admiralty representative was unable to give an immediate answer. There is no security, that Sir Julian's volume will appear at an early date. The country is being put off with a fresh crop of vague official promises.

Why should this hocus-pocus be practised on the nation? The excuses given were ridiculous. It is alleged that further information has appeared in Germany which invalidates much of the Admiralty's account. But if that account is to be held back till fresh information ceases to appear, it will not be published for a century. Meantime grave injustice is being done to the officers and men of Earl Beatty's ships. They suffered thousands of casualties; while among the 30,000 officers and men of Lord Jellicoe's battle-fleet, as Commander Bellairs, M.P., pointed out in the interview the casualties were exactly 4. Yet the captains of Lord Jellicoe's ships received honours equally with those under Earl Beatty's command.

The country wants the official account to be published, completely and at once, because this nation wants progress. Progress in naval affairs cannot be achieved if the

WHY THE PRINCE SMILED.

A GOOD STORY.

CANADIAN TOUR INCIDENT.

Why the Prince smiled the joyful smile is a good story.

It was during the Prince's Canadian tour last year, at the St. J. J. Club, Halifax, Nova Scotia, that the camera caught him.

The club is quite a small affair, hidden in the woods away from the town. But the King visited it when he was in Halifax and the members urged that precedent for a visit from the Prince, who promptly accepted the invitation. All Halifax went with him.

Halifax is a "dry" town, a fact which supplies the point of the joke that brought the picture into being. Just as he was signing the book a shout came from one of the guests: "Look out, sir! You're signing the pledge."

The Prince's smile was caught by the camera man and has travelled all over the world since. It is framed, and occupies the place of honour in thousands of homes in the Dominions.

Women and children were wearing miniature reproductions of it on buttons in every town in the Antipodes which the Prince visited, and it is the proudest possession of many a "digger" who was cheered by his smile in the trenches.

Report has it that the Prince smiled again when he sampled the "Pussy-foot" drink that the club offered him. But that is quite unofficial.

truth is not known to the public. Experience of authority in the past shows that only through publicity and public pressure can officialdom be induced to act on facts. To-day the nation is completely in the dark as to the exact value of a battle-fleet. The British people must know what happened at Jutland if it is to decide what is the factor that is going to give our country the command of the sea in the twentieth century. So long as it is kept in ignorance the command of the sea is in danger, even though the German fleet lies under the water.

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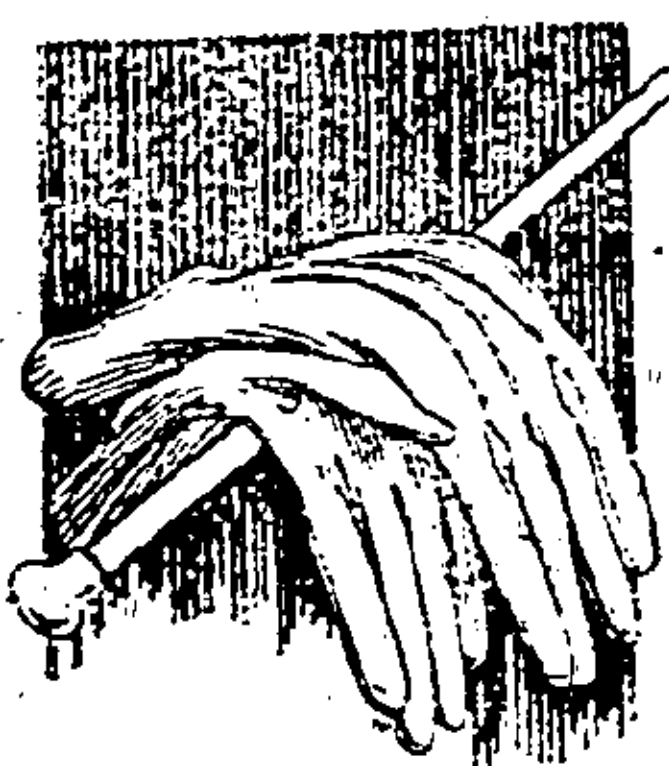


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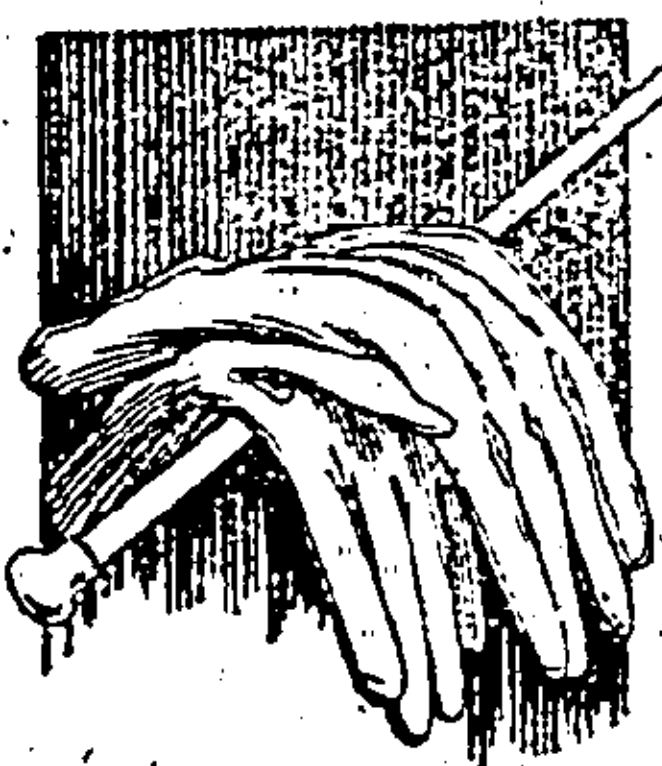
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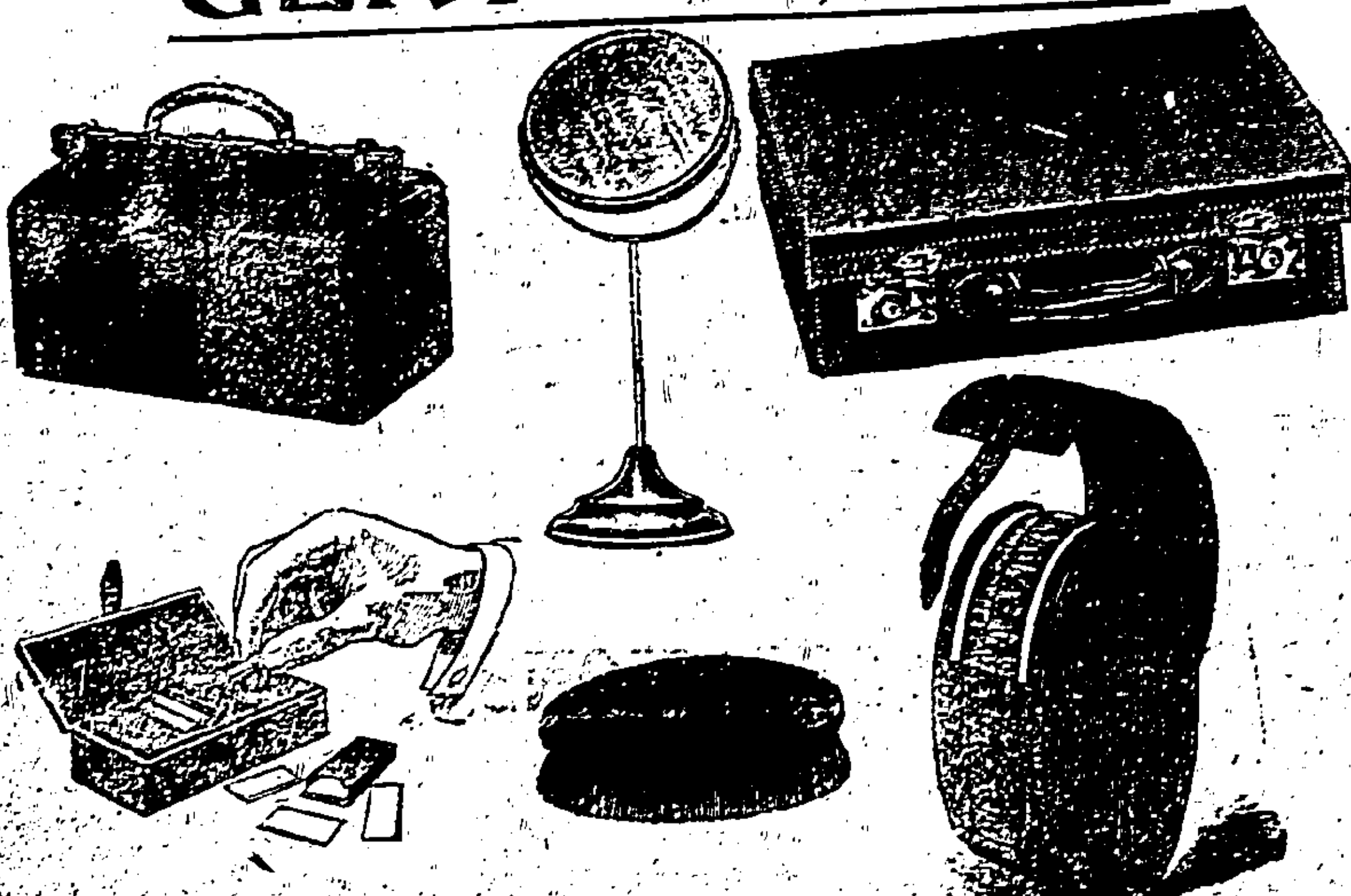
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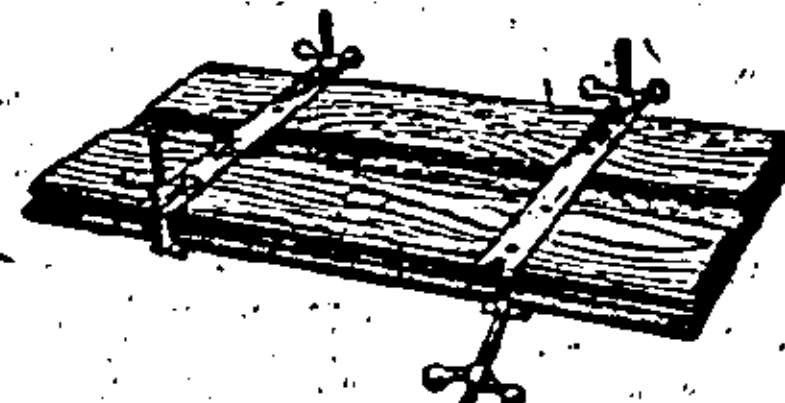
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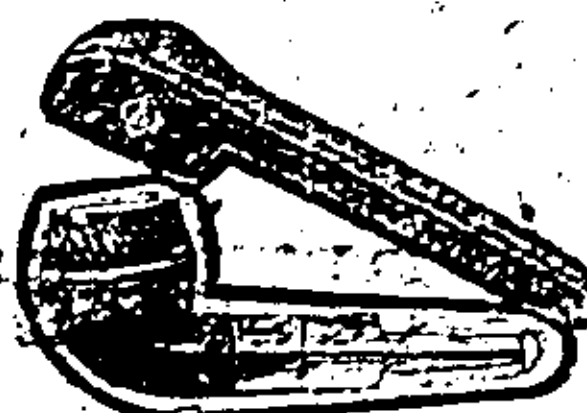
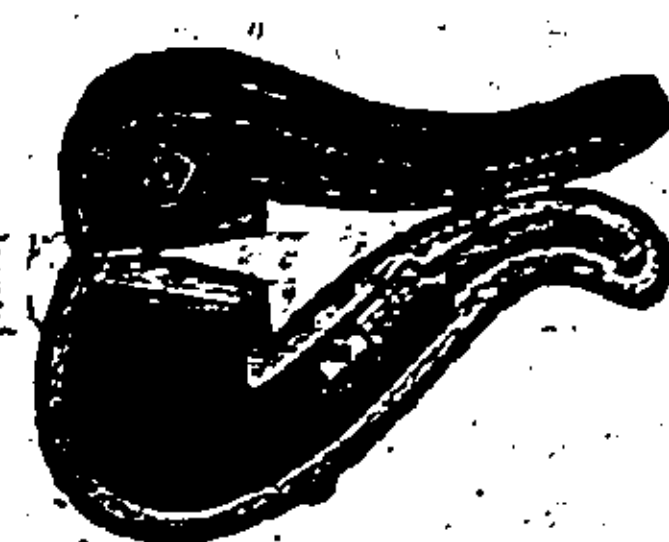
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